#EndTrachoma: The time is now

Sources: GET2020 database as of May 2021; Tropical Data as of August 2021.

Trachoma:

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- is the world’s leading infectious cause of blindness.
- is known to be a public health problem in 44 countries affecting 136.2 million people.
- elimination contributes to Sustainable Development Goal target 3.3 calling for an end to neglected tropical diseases.
- is being reduced through coordinated actions from partners in the global health and development communities.

**Progress to date:**

11 countries have been validated by WHO for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem across all trachoma endemic WHO regions.

- 91% reduction in the number of people at risk of trachoma since 2002.
- 76% reduction in the number of people requiring surgery for trachomatous trichiasis, from 7.6 million in 2002 to 1.8 million in 2021.
- Collaboration across sectors is being coordinated to accelerate and sustain progress towards trachoma elimination.

**Generating evidence:**

- Global Trachoma Mapping Project mapped trachoma in 29 countries, examining 2.6 million people from 2012-2016, informing all partners where interventions were required.
- Tropical Data has supported national programs to conduct more than 2,438 surveys across 46 countries since 2016, examining more than 7.6 million people.

**Challenges remain:**

- Not enough resources
- Hard-to-reach populations
- Inequity
- Environmental threats
- Humanitarian crises

The elimination of trachoma will contribute to multiple Sustainable Development Goals:

- **Goal 1:** No poverty
- **Goal 4:** Quality education
- **Goal 5:** Gender equality
- **Goal 6:** Clean water and sanitation
- **Goal 17:** Partnerships for the goals

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